

file 14b Typhoid Fever

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R.D. #120, Red Lion
New Castle, Delaware 19720
March 18, 1969

Mr. Robert Westerman
State Board of Health
Dover, Delaware 19901

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STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Dear Mr. Westerman:

Per my phone conversation to you yesterday regarding the fire at the Red Lion Dump and the surrounding area, I would like to register a complaint.

I spoke to Mr. George Dutcher, and he informed me, based on his conclusion, the fire started from a cigarette butt being thrown from a passing automobile. Regardless of who or how this fire started, when someone's life is in danger as was the case in Red Lion, where the fire burned up to a home located just north of the landfill, some action must be taken now to prevent any further recurrence. I might add that this was the second fire which occurred in the landfill. As a result of this fire, we insist that the following items be enforced immediately:

1. State Sanitary Code, adopted 12/19/68, Section 38.4 Sanitary Landfill Standards:
 - (a) 3. Refuse moving equipment shall be washed down each day that it is utilized when the temperature is above freezing.
2. Excessive amounts of paper and debris are piling up on the fence surrounding the landfill which are potential hazards.
3. Due to the inability of the County Executive and County Council in realizing the importance of the New Castle Zoning Code, where it states that a landfill shall not be permitted within 150 feet from a highway; and they in permitting the operator, Mr. Ward, to dump within 18 feet of U.S. 301 and Delaware Route 7, have created another hazard if Mr. Dutcher's theory is correct on the cigarette butt. We recommend dirt be piled between the fence and the dump area to prevent recurrence.

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4. In Section 38.32, Application for Approval, you required:
(J) 2. Identification of fire control resources which may be utilized.

We would like to know what specific requirements were set up for fire control at the dump.

Respectfully yours,

Richard B. Weldon, Sr.
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President
Red Lion Community Assn., Inc.

cc: Messrs. George Dutcher, County Engineer
Joseph Toner, Councilman
J. Donald Isaacs, Senator
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